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Roeber et al.

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Dear Sir:

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

In reply to the Final Office Action dated February 10, 2004, the period for response having been extended to June 10, 2004 by a request for extension of time for one month and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, Applicants request the reconsideration of this application based on the following remarks:

REMARKS

In the outstanding final Office Action dated February 10, 2004, the Examiner finally rejected claims 1-5, 12-15, 32-35, and 38-44 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Rees et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,748,878). For the reasons discussed in the last response, as well as for those discussed below, Applicants respectfully traverse the Examiner's final rejection.

For the Examiner's § 102 rejection to be proper, it must show that Rees et al. discloses every element of the claimed invention, either expressly or under principles of inherency. The exclusion of a single claimed element from Rees et al. is enough to negate anticipation. Since